GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:431
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2002
BAN ON USE OF ARMY UNIFORM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether army authorities have urged the police authorities to impose ban on the use of olive green colour uniforms and accessories used, specially by private security agencies in Delhi and elsewhere;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether militants and other unscrupulous elements made use of the uniform items and indulged in nefarious activities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the sale of these uniform items?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.431 T ANSWERED ON 23.4.2002 REGARDING BAN ON USE OF ARMY UNIFORM

(a)to(d): The Government have been alive to the security hazards arising out of misuse of uniforms resembling that of the armed or paramilitary forces. Instances where militants/terrorists have used uniforms similar to that of the armed/paramilitary forces have also been reported from time to time. The Ministry of Defence have also raised concerns in this regard.

This Ministry has accordingly been advising the State Governments on the need to take action under the relevant provisions of law against persons who use uniforms similar to the uniforms worn by the military/paramilitary forces Provisions exist under section 140, 170, 171 and 416 of the IPC and section 6 of the Official Secrets Act for theprosecution of those who use uniforms resembling that of the armed forces/paramilitary forces. The proposed Private Security Guards and Agencies Regulation Bill, 1994 which is under consideration in the Rajya Sabha also has provisions providing for the prosecution of private security guards who wear uniforms resembling that of army/paramilitary forces.